

## ANOTHER LIE IS EXPLODED

Another lie of the "hate-labor" drive against national unity is exploded. Official investigation on the West Coast by U. S. Senators reveals that only one employer in leading war industries favored the current drive to wreck the 40-hour week law.

By far the greater majority of war employers believed the abolition of the 40-hour law would hamper war output.

The sub-committee of the Senate Truman Committee which made the "In view of the present widespread demands for modification

of the 40-hour week, the sub-committee believes it worth while to report that only one of several score executives interviewed suggested that lengthening of the work week would increase production."

The Senate sub-committee nailed another Fifth Column lie when it proved that—

Stoppages in war industry on account of "labor trouble" are practically non-existent.

Said the Committee:

"Management of all other plants reported that although the grievances usual to any large factory arose continually, they were adjusted amicably and speedily and no major difficulties existed or were expected."

Thus, an official Senate Committee, after surveying actual war industry conditions, finds that the propaganda of the unity-splitting labor-haters is based on outright falsehoods.

## C. I. O. URGES: NOT 1c FOR DIES---WAR DISRUPTER BATAAN HURLS BACK NEW ASSAULTS

### CIO Assails Dies; 'Creates Disunity,' Dickstein Says

'Committee Outlived Its Usefulness,' States Congressman

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, April 3.—The CIO declares today that the Dies Committee is "furnishing a basis for real disruption of our national effort" and urged the House Committee on Accounts to deny the committee an appropriation.

This request was made in a letter from CIO Secretary James B. Carey to Rep. John J. Cochran, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts. The letter pointed out that the CIO executive board had opposed continuation of the Dies Committee on Jan. 21, and had specifically opposed a new appropriation for the committee at its meeting on March 24.

"The position of the CIO has been further substantiated by the statement that was issued by Vice President Wallace regarding the activities of Congressman Dies in relation to certain employees of the Board of Economic Warfare of which Vice President Wallace is chairman," Carey's letter said.

"The CIO and its millions of members are most anxious that national unity be maintained in order that our present struggle shall culminate in a final victory. It is our contention that the activities of the Dies Committee have not been directed toward the real enemies of the nation, but rather toward labor organizations and officials of the federal administration, thereby furnishing a basis for real disruption of our national effort."

"We deem it to be of the utmost importance that your committee denies to Congressman Dies any appropriation which will permit

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### Post Dispatch Notes Browder Support

St. Louis Paper Discusses Movement For Release in Editorial and Stories

Under the heading, "Move Growing for Release of Earl Browder," the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in its Sunday issue of March 29 devotes more than two columns to a review of the case by its chief Washington correspondent, Raymond P. Brandt, and also comments editorially on the case.

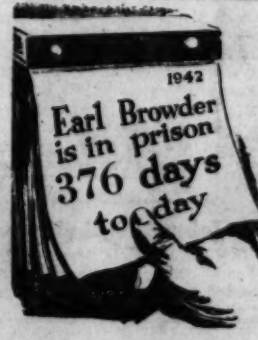
In addition, the paper gives prominent display to quotations from Wendell Willkie, James T. Phillips, master of the Missouri State Grange, President Felix Morley of Haverford College, President Roswell G. Ham of Mount Holyoke College and Maxwell Anderson, playwright, all of whom have urged Browder's immediate release.

A sub-head on the review of the case declares that "Supporters of Communist's Plea Argue Term Is Excessive, Pardon Would Improve National Unity."

#### LISTS NOTED AMERICANS

The review itself sets forth with considerable objectivity the contentions of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder in pressing for a pardon, and lists a number of the prominent Americans who are giving their support to the campaign. It also points out that the committee has announced that a total of three million persons, mostly trade unionists, have petitioned for Browder's freedom.

The brief filed by Browder's attorneys in which it is shown that Browder's sentence, with one exception, is the most severe on record



### Red Army Driving on In Smolensk District

German Counter-Attacks Beaten Off with Heavy Losses

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—The Soviet High Command reported tonight that Gen. Gregory K. Zhukov was driving steadily westward in the Smolensk region, crushing German counter-attacks and inflicting heavy losses in men and material on the enemy.

A night communiqué broadcast from Moscow said the Red Army fought offensive battles in a number of sectors Friday and occupied several inhabited localities. It said 23 German planes were destroyed Thursday with six Soviet losses.

Two more villages were reported recaptured in the Smolensk area, where the Red Army was getting increasing aid from guerrillas active behind the German lines.

Other Soviet reports told of strong German counter-attacks on the Kalinin front and said all were repulsed, while in one sector the Red Army drove a wedge deep into the enemy lines.

German infantry with tank support assaulted an outnumbered Soviet detachment in one area of the Kalinin front, the reports said, but the Red Army men killed nearly 700 enemy troops, destroyed a number of tanks, and drove westward into the German positions.

The Soviet High Command reported the recapture of four more villages on the Central front, where Soviet guerrillas had been especially active in the region of Smolensk.

Germans also were counter-attacking persistently on the Leningrad front, concentrating a strong force on a comparatively small sector only to be beaten back with heavy losses.



More Hell for the Nazis: This group of Red Army men is being landed behind German lines to harass the enemy from the rear. They are shown alighting from a propeller-driven snow sled and are fully equipped for winter fighting.

### Murray, Green, F.D.R.--Talk on Labor Training

CIO-AFL Victory Board Submits Plan to Centralize Mobilization Agencies

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, April 3.—The CIO-AFL Labor Victory Board discussed production and manpower mobilization problems for more than an hour with President Roosevelt at the White House today.

Both CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green indicated after leaving the conference that the Victory Board had urged the President to accept a plan centralizing training and labor mobilization agencies under the Labor Department.

A CIO-AFL plan putting these functions in the Labor Department was submitted to the President by the Victory Board about a month ago. It was understood that the plan provided for labor representation in mapping plans and policies of the training and labor mobilization agency to be set up in the Labor Department. Murray and Green told newspapermen that they are still in favor of this plan, and they denied fully reports that they are now supporting Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt for the job of training and mobilizing labor supply.

They said that no conclusions were reached in today's "general" discussion and that the Victory Board will talk over the whole problem again with the President next Friday.

Murray explained that the question of labor supply is "very involved" and that a concrete solution will be reached in the near future.

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### Chinese Recapture Airport Near Toungoo

British Form New Burma Line; Allied Pilots Reinforce MacArthur

### Bulletin

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—The Navy announced tonight that Japanese bombers sank the U. S. aircraft tender Langley, the destroyer Peary and the navy tanker Pecos in the southwest Pacific.

It was unofficially estimated that more than 700 men were lost in the attacks which occurred in late February and early March.

The Navy did not disclose the exact number of men aboard the ships but their normal combined complements totaled 1,156 officers and men.

The Langley, the U. S. Navy's first aircraft carrier, was sunk by aerial bombs south of Java in late February with a loss of 14 men. The survivors, picked up by two destroyers, were transferred later to the Pecos, which in turn was sunk by heavy air bombardment early in March with the loss of approximately two-thirds of the combined crews of the two ships.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—American-Philippine forces standing as firm as ever, repulsed several light attacks all along the Bataan Peninsula line today, with "considerable enemy losses," the War Department reported.

The new Japanese thrusts occurred during the night of April 2, the War Department reported, but they were no more successful than four previous and heavier assaults. These followed two savage battles in which the defenders won back lost positions by counter-attacking fiercely. In one of these, the Japanese had ruptured the left center of the main defense line, but a prompt counter-thrust pinched off the spearhead and trapped a considerable number of enemy troops. At last reports these were being mopped up.

That display of American-Philippine fortitude apparently took some of the sting out of the Japanese punch—temporarily at least—since the most recent enemy attacks were described as "light."

Japanese dive bombers continued sniping away at the front lines. Corregidor Fortress and other bastions guarding Manila Bay underwent aerial attack for the 11th successive day, but the thrusts were light. American forts and Japanese shore batteries traded blows during the day.

The communiqué said a Good Friday Japanese air attack on a church was reported from the town

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### SIDESWIPE

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"Goebbels, how'd you like to take in a movie tonight?"

### Curran Scores Admiral Land On Dock Chief

Seamen's Leader Again Demands Joint Body to Speed Shipping

By John Meldon Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union, yesterday blasted the action of Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator, who told President Roosevelt that in his opinion it was not necessary to appoint an East Coast waterfront chief nor to set up joint labor-management committees to facilitate wartime shipping.

"Admiral Land's statement to President Roosevelt," the maritime union leader said, "is in direct contradiction to what he personally told me the last time we conferred upon the matter. At that time, Admiral Land admitted that conditions on the docks and the waterfront of this coast were in bad shape and that a government administrator with wide powers was needed."

The NMU has been campaigning vigorously for such a set-up on this coast for months. Recently, Dean

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### British Raids Force Nazis to Move Arm Plants

ZURICH, April 3 (Tass).—British bombing raids have forced the Germans to move munitions plants from northwestern Germany to less accessible locations, according to a Swedish engineer who arrived here today from Düsseldorf. The new sites were said to be in Czechoslovakia, Upper Silesia and Croatia.

## Do You Know That the Victory Tax Plan Is in Danger of Being Wrecked?

By Eva Lapin (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Public hearings on the 1942 tax bill are scheduled to wind up the middle of this month.

Unless the American people speak up quickly there is little hope that the "Instrument of Victory" plan that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau called for will go through.

The House Ways and Means Committee which has been considering the Treasury's proposals is leaning towards a 10 per cent

sales tax despite Morgenthau's first opposition and at the same time has indicated that it will not approve the Department's suggestions to plug up existing loopholes in the tax system.

Part of the explanation for this committee's reactionary stand can be traced to the steady stream of representatives of business organizations and special interests groups which has appeared before the committee.

Outside of Treasury spokesmen themselves, there have been few witnesses to back up the Department's sound tax program. Few

witnesses from the people have appeared to oppose a sales tax, and demand removal of special privileges in the present tax set-up. The House Ways and Means Committee has been only too receptive to the pleas of business-as-usual representatives, and many of the Treasury proposals now have little chance of being approved by the committee.

Take for example the case of special exemptions now granted to oil, mining, gas and other natural resources companies. These industries are allowed to deduct as much as 27 per cent in some in-

stances as "depletion" allowances from their tax bills. Ostensibly this provision is designed to encourage "further development," but it does little more than give such industries a special tax boon.

The Treasury has recommended that these depletion allowances be drastically reduced and has estimated that \$80,000,000 can be raised if the proposal is adopted.

On Tuesday, March 24, the Ways and Means Committee considered the Treasury proposal. A long list of spokesmen for the oil, mining

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# RAF Wrecks French Plant, Nazis Bomb Coast



**Australians on Alert:** With the Japanese concentrated on New Guinea bases, only 400 miles from the Australian mainland, the continent "down under" is making feverish preparations for the coming struggle with the enemy, particular attention being given to anti-aircraft defenses. Hundreds of posts, like this one outside Melbourne, are springing up everywhere.

## Soviet Artillerymen In Key Offensive Role

**Heroism, Accurate Fire Raise Havoc With Nazis; Smash Important Points**

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW, April 3.—An important part in the crushing blow inflicted on Hitler's panzer divisions was played by the Soviet artillerymen, many of them displaying remarkable courage.

When Hitler's hordes thrust towards Moscow, it was in the battles at the approaches to the capital that the first artillery guard units originated among the anti-tank artillery forces.

The Anti-Tank Guard Regiment under the command of Major Yefremenko wiped out 23 enemy tanks in one battle. In all, this regiment destroyed 186 tanks, 11 armored cars, 9 guns, 9 planes, 3 infantry battalions and numerous fire emplacements.

Soviet artillery also wrought havoc with the enemy manpower. A battery under the command of Lieutenant Royanov was suddenly attacked by a large group of fascists. They showered the battery with some 200 mines and shells. The crew was disabled. Royanov alone remained at the gun. He opened devastating fire. After several minutes the fascists retreated in panic leaving 274 dead on the field.

Here is another example. Fighting was on for the village "v" where the enemy had built up a strong center of resistance. Using a local flour mill with a concrete foundation and adjoining buildings as a base, the enemy installed two heavy caliber guns and four heavy machine guns, reinforcing them with 70 submachine guns.

**USE HEAVY HOWITZER**  
All the approaches to the village were protected by heavy batteries. Battery commander Senior Lieutenant Zaporozhets was given the task of reducing the enemy fortifications and silencing the fire points.

The artillerymen accomplished this under enemy fire and themselves opened fire at the enemy fortifications from a distance of 400 meters. The enemy replied with heavy mine fire hurling some 180 mines at the howitzer. But the brave artillerymen did not yield. Their direct hits wiped out 3 guns and 20 sub-machine guns. The remaining took to flight pursued by Soviet infantry who captured the point.

## Japanese Incendiaries Destroy Yushan Houses

CHUNGKING, April 3 (UP).—Japanese bombers, in two formations of 19 each, destroyed several houses with incendiary bombs dropped yesterday on Yushan, in northeast Kiangsi Province, the Central News Agency reported today.

Yushan is about 40 miles west of Chuanhsin and 95 miles northwest of Lichui, in southwest Chekiang Province, bombed by 29 Japanese planes yesterday.

Desertions by the Nanking puppet regime's troops continued in northern Honan Province, with the coming over to the Chungking forces of an officer and his men on March 29, the News Agency said.

In southern Honan, Chinese units raiding enemy positions destroyed a bridge near Sinyang, which is on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

## 150,000 Filipinos Aiding U. S. Forces

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—Philippine resident Commissioner J. M. Elizalde revealed last night that 150,000 Filipino soldiers on Bataan outnumber American forces there by about 10 to 1. There were 150,000 Filipino soldiers at the start of the war, compared with 15,000 Americans, he said.

## Soviet Trade Union Rally Hears British Greetings

**Shvernink Tells Of Visit to Britain**

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW, April 3.—Hearty greetings from the British trade union movement to the Soviet people, their leader Stalin, and to the Red Army were officially conveyed here at a mass meeting of trade union functionaries by N. Shvernink, secretary of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, who headed the delegation of Soviet unionists who recently visited Great Britain.

"The men and women workers of England," Shvernink said, "asked us to convey their heartfelt greetings to the leader of the peoples of the USSR and the brilliant commander of the Red Army, Comrade Stalin."

"The British workers look upon the Soviet Union's role as a decisive factor in scoring the victory over Hitlerism," Shvernink said.

**REPORTS ON TOUR**  
The Soviet delegation participated in the work of 12 trade union conferences in England, conducted more than 50 public meetings, and visited 64 plants and factories engaged in war production, Shvernink reported. It also visited a number of towns bombed by the Nazis.

Shvernink praised the high morale of the British workers and said enormous potentialities exist for increased production.

Referring to Axis propaganda about the "destruction of British industry," Shvernink said that "British industry exists and functions. It is producing large quantities of arms and ammunition and possesses everything necessary to turn them out in ever increasing quantities."

The Soviet trade union leader stressed the importance of the work of the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee which was formed in the midst of war.

The mass meeting adopted a resolution which greeted British unionists and urged them "to work with redoubled energy daily to increase the productivity of labor." The resolution assured the British workers that the "Soviet unions will strain every effort to increase production and in collaboration with the British trade unions and with the whole British people will tirelessly force victory over Hitlerism."

## U. S. Soldiers to Radio Greetings From Australia

(By United Press)  
The Australian radio announced today that the following U. S. soldiers will broadcast greetings to America tomorrow at 7:30 A.M. EWET:

Sgt. Williams S. McFarland, San Angelo, Tex.  
Pvt. Edward Owen, Chester, N. Y.  
Pvt. Frank S. Estosico, Riverside, N. J.  
Pvt. Miller Nurey, Lowen, S. C.  
Pvt. Bill Neal (home town not designated).

## The Balin Family Goes to War --- Three Generations of Partisans

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW, April 3.—One characteristic of guerrilla warfare behind Nazi lines in the Soviet Union is that whole families are participating in the partisan organization. This is the story of one such family—the family of Mikhail Balin of Chentsovo village in the Mezhasik district.

Before the war, Mikhail was a supply clerk in the restaurant where his wife worked as a cook. They have two sons, Peter who is a lathe operator and Anatoli, a printer.

**NAZIS IN HOUSE**  
The war began and Peter joined the army. He was wounded and found himself behind the enemy lines. He was picked up by partisans, given treatment and after his recovery turned out to be an excellent partisan commander.

The Balin family council voted unanimously to join the Mezhasik partisan detachment. The old grandmother crossed herself, removed her ikon and said in a stern voice, "I bless you on this sacred mission."

The Balin family had a hard time. They were caught in the village occupied by the Germans and

**India Students Call Parley Against Japan**

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
KABUL, Afghanistan, April 3.—The All-India Student's Federation has decided to call an All-Asian Anti-Japanese Youth Rally some time in the middle of May, the Hindustan Times reported.

The meeting, the purpose of which is to pledge resistance to Japanese aggression, will be attended by delegates from the Soviet Union, Burma, Indonesia and the countries of the Near East.

The Federation has addressed a request to Chiang Kai-shek asking that a Chinese delegation be sent to the meeting.

**Nazis Lose 20 Planes Over Malta, Libya**

**Axis Column Withdraws in Desert as British Move Up for Battle**

CAIRO, April 3 (UP).—British fighters and anti-aircraft gun crews have shot down 20 more planes over Malta and Libya while a British column has driven back an Axis force, including tanks and medium artillery, without a fight in the heart of the Libyan desert. It was announced today.

An RAF communique said that it is now known that five enemy fighter planes and 11 bombers were brought down over Malta by daylight Wednesday and that in raids which continued during the night, anti-aircraft guns shot down a Junkers-88 dive bomber.

Of the daylight total, seven planes were accounted for by British fighter planes and nine by the "ack ack" crews. Many other planes were damaged, the communique said.

British fighters shot down a bomber and two fighters in the Tobruk area yesterday and eight British planes are missing from all operations, the RAF said.

A general headquarters communique said that a British column, composed of all types of arms, met an Axis column yesterday in the area east of Axis-held Mellik, important road center 80 miles southwest of Derna, and that the enemy withdrew as soon as the British went into action.

On Wednesday night, a British patrol attacked an enemy outpost south of Tmimi, coastal town 40 miles southeast of Derna, and inflicted many casualties with hand grenades. The British patrol suffered no losses, the communique said.

## Norse Ships Escape to England in Snowstorm

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—The attempt of Norwegian ships to escape from Swedish waters to England during a snowstorm was partially successful, the Ministry of Information said today.

**Falangist Head Ousted, Franco Party Rift Seen**

**DeSandoval Removed by Sener, Had Opposed Hitler Domination**

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
GENEVA, April 3.—Grave dissensions between Dictator Franco's satellites in Spain are reflected in the expulsion from the Falangist Party of Jimenes de Sandoval, chief of the diplomatic service of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and head of all Falangist parties abroad.

De Sandoval was simultaneously removed from his post in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reports reaching here said. His removal was on orders directly from Foreign Minister Serrano Sener.

Sandoval was considered Sener's right hand man. The latter entrusted him with all official statements of the Spanish Foreign Ministry. Well informed sources report that the reason for Sandoval's removal is the sharp differences that have arisen lately between Sener and Sandoval in connection with the continued Hitler pressure on Spain. Sandoval opposed any further "Hitlerization" of Spain, demanding that recruitment into the "Blue Division" cease and also that the further sending of Spanish workers and Spanish exports of provisions and raw materials to Germany be stopped.

The same circles affirm that Sandoval was backed by a whole group in the Falangist party which was opposed to making any more concessions to Hitler.

**Dutch Sub That Escaped Nazis Is Crack Raider**

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—A Dutch submarine that slipped out of Rotterdam when the Nazis invaded the lowlands has become one of the most successful underwater raiders of the United Nations, the Anela News Agency reported today.

The submarine and its Dutch crew has just returned from a voyage on which it sank three enemy transports and damaged several other ships. Many of the crew members have been decorated, but on May 14, 1940, not one ever had been before the surface.

"There were only 16 of the crew available when we were ordered to sail that day," the commander related. "The fall of Rotterdam was imminent. The sub hadn't been tested in a dive, but we took it out and when Nazi planes forced us to submerge I am sure that every one on board thought we would never come up again. She leaked like a sieve but when we surfaced the Germans were gone and we made it to England."

## Flying Fortress in India for First Time

NEW DELHI, April 3 (UP).—American Flying Fortress have been in action from their new Indian bases for the first time, a U. S. Air Force communique said. The four-motored Boeing bombers made their first attack yesterday, the communique said.

**Matford Works Made Useless For Germans**

**CHANNEL BLOWS**

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—British and German air forces exchanged the fiercest blows of the spring air war early today, the RAF virtually completing the destruction of the Matford Truck Works outside Paris and the Germans savagely attacking what they apparently thought were invasion bases on the English coast.

Official quarters said that the Matford Works in Poissy, formerly the Ford Motor Company of France, were "made useless for months to come" as a result of consecutive raids Wednesday and last night.

The raids were described as part of the RAF's plan to devastate industrial areas both in Germany itself and in the occupied countries. The Matford Works had been turning out 20 planes daily for the Germans.

The Germans, attacking until shortly before dawn, rained bombs on the southern and southeastern coasts of England in an obvious attempt to render them useless as springboards for any Allied continental invasion.

The German planes, according to a joint communique of the Air and Home Security Ministries, caused damage and a number of casualties, "some fatal," at one unspecified town in each of the two coastal areas. Elsewhere, the communique said, there was little damage and no serious casualties.

The British lost two planes during the overnight operations which also included attacks on docks at German-occupied Le Havre and the French coast and fighter-plane attacks on airfields and other military centers in occupied territory. The Germans lost one plane over Britain.

**Flying Forts In India Bomb Enemy Cruiser**

**Strike First Blow from India Bases Against Invasion Ships**

NEW DELHI, April 3 (UP).—Flying Fortresses, led by Brig. Gen. Louis H. Brereton, chief of United States air forces in India, have struck their first blow for the relief of the hard-pressed Burma Front by bombing a Japanese cruiser and three troops ships of an invasion fleet caught at an Andaman Island base in the Bay of Bengal. It was announced tonight.

The communique said that the Fortresses encountered enemy pursuit craft—indicating that the Japanese have already established an air base in the Andamans which they occupied 10 days ago—and intense anti-aircraft fire, but no damage was sustained and all the American planes returned safely.

One Japanese cruiser was set afire by bomb hits, one troop ship was damaged and two others probably were damaged, the communique said.

## Johnson in India

NEW DELHI, India, April 3 (UP).—Louis Johnson, former U. S. Assistant Secretary of War, arrived by airplane today to take over his duties as President Roosevelt's special emissary to India. Johnson will be aided by Henry F. Grady, Arthur W. Harrington, Harry E. Beyster and Dirk Dekker.

The Veteran Commander left yesterday for a 10-day vacation. His column—"On the War Fronts"—will return to this page on Sunday, April 12.



**Commission Anti-Sub Base:** A blimp cruises overhead, top, as the new \$8,000,000 naval air base at Elizabeth City, N. C., is commissioned. Bottom, high officials are shown examining the base. Left to right, are Comm. J. M. Thornton, head of the new station; Rear Admiral M. H. Simons, commandant of the Fifth Naval District; Gov. J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, and Capt. C. E. Rosendahl, famed dirigible pioneer.

## Bataan Repulses Foe; Chinese Retake Field

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of Miral on the southernmost Philippine island of Mindanao.

## Chinese Retake Burma Airfield

CHUNGKING, April 3 (UP).—A Chinese communique issued at Lashio tonight said that Chinese forces in Burma were advancing against the Japanese and had recaptured Keyungkang air field.

The Kyungon air field is about 10 miles north of Toungoo and presumably is the same as Keyungkang air field mentioned in the Lashio communique. The field was first seized by the Japanese in their flanking operations north of Toungoo, but Chinese troops fought their way out of the trap with the aid of reinforcements coming down from the north.

The communique said that the Chinese advance was resumed on Wednesday (presumably pushing southward toward Toungoo) and that much war material was captured.

Chinese troops in the Toungoo area are under direction of Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, U. S. A. British troops have abandoned the ancient, Buddhist pilgrimage city of Prome after a violent, all night battle with Japanese infiltration forces, and have thrown up a new battle line north of there to continue the defense of the Mimbui oil fields, a Burma communique from New Delhi disclosed today.

The British at Prome, in addition to guarding the road to the oil fields and the India frontier, were trying to maintain a more or less parallel line with the Chinese above Toungoo, to prevent the Japanese from driving a wedge between their armies. The British were beset by an overwhelming number of the enemy, who included thousands of Burmese traitors, and by complete Japanese domination of the air. As in most other battles in Malaya, the Netherlands Indies and Burma, the British line was in constant peril from Japanese infiltrations through the surrounding jungles.

## Allied Pilots to Reinforce MacArthur

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Melbourne, April 3 (UP).—United Nations air forces in Australia soon will be reinforced by Allied airmen evacuated from Malaya, practically all of whom escaped before the fall of Singapore, Air Minister Arthur S. Drakeford revealed today.

The rested and re-equipped units of the Royal Australian Air Force which came back from Malaya now are preparing to take up battle stations, Drakeford said, while the Netherlands air personnel from the same battle zone expect to form a Dutch squadron to operate within the framework of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's supreme command.

The future of the Royal Air Force men who fought in Malaya will be decided by the London Air Ministry, Drakeford said.

Prime Minister John Curtin

signed a government decree making all Australian men between the ages of 18 and 60 liable to compulsory civilian defense duty, excepting only those in the armed forces or vital defense work.

The northern areas of Australia in the potential Japanese invasion zone were placed under a state of constant alert.

Army Minister Francis M. Forde received a detailed report on the Malayan campaign from Lieut. Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett, who commanded the Australian Imperial force in that theater. Bennett's day-to-day diary giving a full account of the campaign was described as a valuable contribution to the Australian military preparations.

## U. S. Moves for Closer Allied Coordination

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—New steps to coordinate control of operations, planning and strategy of the armed forces of the United States with those of our Allies were instituted today in a series of moves reshuffling army and navy units.

Most important, was the reassignment of the old war planes division of the War Department into a new operations division, stated to be the controlling nerve center for all theaters of operations and overseas garrisons of the U. S. Army.

This division has more than half of the 98 members of the new war department general staff assigned to it, and it is headed by Maj. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former war plans chief.

Eisenhower was Gen. Douglas MacArthur's right hand man in organizing Philippine defenses. He is regarded as an expert on the southwest Pacific situation, and is an amateur plane pilot.

It will be Eisenhower's job to coordinate army strategy and operational planning with the navy as well as with military headquarters of the United Nations. He will be charged with arranging details of operations decided upon by the combined Allied chiefs-of-staff, such as the number of men involved in actions, means of transportation and other matters.

In another step, army and navy strategy planning bodies have been merged and placed under the American representatives of the combined chiefs-of-staff, who devise long-range planning for the war. The American military group works on a similar British planning board on air, ground and naval operations. To facilitate this and prevent overlapping, a joint army-navy intelligence committee has been established. This group will interchange vital information affecting their services. Thus, army officers will be working in naval intelligence and vice versa.



# Curran Assails Land for Opposing War Dock Chief



**Anti-Sabotage Guard:** Armed sentries of the Coast Guard are shown on duty aboard an American freighter at Cleveland. From now on, the Coast Guardsmen will keep Great Lakes ships under their protective wing as an anti-sabotage measure.

## Utica Union Officials Appeal for Browder

**ALP City Councilman Signs Appeal to FDR Urging Immediate Release**

UTICA, N. Y., April 3.—Fourteen trade union officials here have appealed to President Roosevelt for the immediate release of Earl Browder from Atlanta penitentiary. One of the labor officials joining in the appeal is American Labor Party City Councilman Joseph J. Zyla.

The Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder in announcing the petition to the Chief Executive of the nation signed by the Utica labor officials, stated that these "trade unionists coming from various industries have joined the more than 2,500 labor officials throughout the country who have asked for the release of Earl Browder now because they are firmly convinced that his continued imprisonment is inimical to the best interest of the nation and that equal justice is the strongest link in the chain of our national morale."

The Utica labor officials who petitioned President Roosevelt for Browder's freedom are:

James Pinto, President, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Local 118; Edward Landy, Field Organizer, United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers of America; Joseph J. Zyla, President, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Local 1836 and member Utica City Council; Reynold Dillon, Business Agent, Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Local 182; John Haley, President, Barbers Union, Local 103; Rufus Davoli, Vice-President, Barbers Union, Local 102; Victor DeSantis, member Utica Central Trades Assembly; Mike Vanto, President, Textile Workers, Local 409; Joseph Zincola, member, Executive Committee, Textile Workers Union, Local 409; James Lucchese, Vice-President, Textile Workers Union, Local 409; William J. Kelly, Financial Secretary, Textile Workers Union, Local 409; Sophie A. Polanowicz, member, Executive Board, Textile Workers Union, Local 409; Peter Kraus, Treasurer, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Local 1821; August Hubalek, member, Executive Committee, Textile Workers Union, Local 409.

**FDR Names Prof. Hayes**  
WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—President Roosevelt today nominated Carlton J. H. Hayes, Columbia University professor of history, to succeed Alexander W. Weddell as Ambassador to Spain.

## Seamen's Leader Again Demands Joint Body to Speed Shipping

(Continued from Page 1)

Wayne Morse was appointed to a similar post on the West Coast. "It would be very enlightening to the people of this country," Curran declared, "to find out from whom and where pressure was brought to bear to block the adoption of the White House suggestion which, if put into practice, would mark a tremendous contribution to winning the war."

Joseph P. Ryan, head of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, is known to be one who has been working to prevent an East Coast government waterfront chief and a labor-management set-up. Meanwhile, it was learned that some of the big East Coast shipping companies have also opposed the suggestion, one that originally stemmed from President Roosevelt himself.

**IMPROPER LOADING**  
Curran reiterated an earlier charge he had made before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee in a closed hearing that many American ships running war materials to the Allies, particularly the Soviet Union and Great Britain, have been improperly loaded in East Coast ports and many ships have had to return to port in an almost sinking condition. One ship in particular broke in half and another ran aground off Nova Scotia.

The longshoremen on these docks were given a clean bill and not held responsible for the faulty loading. The source believed to be among certain officials of a large stevedoring company which is handling much lend-lease cargo. This situation, among others obtaining on the pier of many East Coast cities, is one of the reasons the NLMU is pressing for rigid government control.

Commenting on the faulty loading of Allied bound ships, Curran said yesterday:

"Many of the brave seamen whom I represent have already lost their lives due to improper loading of cargoes in Eastern and Gulf ports and the very valuable war cargoes have been delivered to the bottom of the ocean instead of to our fighting men and allies. This will continue, in my opinion, unless just such a Board set up as proposed by the White House is adopted."

"This latest statement is in direct contradiction to the one I made to me wherein he admitted that the conditions on the East Coast were bad. We showed Admiral Land the documentary evidence from survivors which proved conclusively that ships had foundered or had been forced to return to port because of improper loading. We asked him to appoint a coordinator on the East Coast, and pointed out further that he had appointed a coordinator already on the West Coast but had taken no action on the East Coast where the need was for more urgent."

"Our Union backs the White House proposal 100 per cent and we will fight in every way possible to see that it is adopted despite what we feel to be a very questionable opposition. Finally, we will also continue to acquaint the public with the facts in the case on every possible occasion in order that the weight of American public opinion can be brought to bear against anybody who for whatever reason stands in the way of winning this war."

## Townsend Harris Fight Spread to Five Boroughs

The fight for the passage of the Young-DeWitt Bill, which will prolong the life of the Townsend Harris High School has been taken to the five boroughs, Edith M. Kandel, coordinating chairman announced yesterday.

Mrs. J. Morris of 6 W. 77th St. is serving as chairman of the Manhattan Committee and working with her are Mrs. Adolph Weiss, 50 E. 90th St.; Mrs. S. Litt, 20 W. 86th St.; Mrs. Max Schneider, 300 W. 40th St. and Mrs. L. Cappezzelli, 38 Kenmar St.

The addresses of the Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens Committees may be obtained at the Townsend Harris Committee, 2 E. 23rd St.

## FBI Arrests Wife of Chicago Bund Leader

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—Mrs. Otto Willmetts of Chicago, wife of a Chicago German-American Bund leader, has been seized as a "dangerous" alien enemy, it was disclosed today.

Justice Department officials would not confirm nor deny the report.



**Barb to Plague the Axis:** The submarine Barb slips into the water in a brief launching ceremony at Groton, Conn., sponsored by Mrs. Charles A. Dunn, wife of Rear Admiral Dunn. Soon the Barb will be stinging Axis shipping.

## Real Place for CCC In Emergency—FDR

**Director McEntee Releases Letter of March 25 Congratulating Efforts**

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—In the midst of a Senate fight to abolish the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration, a statement by President Roosevelt was made public today in which he said "there is a real place for the CCC during this emergency."

The President made the statement in a letter to CCC Director James J. McEntee. It was dated March 25, and was written to congratulate the CCC on the occasion of its ninth anniversary, which falls on April 5.

McEntee released the letter as the Senate Labor Committee recessed temporarily its hearings on a bill by Sen. Kenneth D. McKellar, D. Tenn., to abolish the two youth groups. McKellar has charged that the CCC could not get its quota of enrollees because of the heavy induction of young men into the armed forces, and that the emergency unemployment condition which brought about its establishment had disappeared.

"In recent months," said Mr. Roosevelt's letter, "the Corps has concentrated its normal work activities in types of work which contribute most to our all-out war effort. More than 20,000 enrollees are aiding the War Department by working on military reservations. Thousands of others are on the forest fire protection front lines."

"There is a real place for the CCC during this emergency and it will be called upon more and more to perform tasks which will strengthen our country and aid in the successful operation of the war. Many of the young men now in the camps will enter the nation's armed forces. When that time comes, they will be better prepared to serve their country because of the discipline, the training and the physical hardihood they have gained in the Civilian Conservation Corps."

"Let me congratulate you on the fine job you are doing."

## Public Urged to Ask A. S. Beck to Arbitrate Dispute

A campaign to enlist public support in the demand that A. S. Beck, Shoe chain arbitrator, discontinue his dispute with Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, CIO, was initiated this week by 100 workers in the home office and warehouse of the company.

Negotiations covering the office and warehouse were opened with the firm prior to expiration of the previous contract last February 1. When a deadlock developed the union proposed that all issues be settled through impartial arbitration. The company refused arbitration and has maintained this attitude throughout the repeated attempts by the Union to get the company to agree.

The union reiterated yesterday that it is standing by its pledge to the Government that "strikes and stoppages will definitely be avoided no matter what the pain or provocation" so that there will be no interruption of work.

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# Tighten Case on Noble and Jones

**State to Follow Up Gov't Charges of Criminal Libel; Jail Hitlerites**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, April 3.—Double trouble was dogging Robert Noble and Ellis O. Jones, leaders of the Hitler-loving Friends of Progress, today.

Both were in the county jail, following their arrests yesterday by FBI agents on seditious charges.

At the same time, the state attorney general's office placed "holds" on the pair.

When the Federal government gets through with them, the state wants to try them for criminal libel. Both the state and Federal charges are based on the numerous public utterances of Noble and Jones seeking to disrupt the war effort.

The latest of these, which brought on the state action was printed in "Copperhead Notes" and accused General Douglas MacArthur with "desertion of his troops in the field" at Bataan.

While district attorney's investigators were kicking through the locked door of the Noble-Jones residence at 3011 Farmdale Ave., the G-men put the arm on the duo at a cabin of the Mt. Wilson Hotel.

**OTHERS NAMED**  
Besides Noble and Jones, the state criminal libel complaints named Leone Menier, beautiful brunette "housekeeper" of Noble's; David H. Rathbone, printer, and five John Does.

Rathbone and Clemente Genaro were collared by Joseph Dunn, district attorney's chief investigator, and other officers at Rathbone's printing plant.

They were setting up more literature for the Friends of Progress at the time, it was said. Both are being questioned.

As the jail doors clanged to behind him, Noble stated: "Certain things Hitler has done are worthy of admiration. . . . The truth isn't always pleasant. . . . Comment of Dunn was that 'Noble is finished in California. We're going to push this through.'"

The Federal statute covering seditious utterances in wartime under which Noble and Jones are being held calls for a \$10,000 fine, 30 years in jail or both as maximum penalties.

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**SLURRED MACARTHUR:** Robert Noble (left) and Ellis O. Jones are hand-cuffed by a U.S. deputy marshal in Los Angeles following their arrest for malicious slander of Gen. MacArthur.

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# CIO Assails Dies; 'Creates Disunity,' Dickstein Says

## Cincinnati Inquirer Calls Dies 'Poison'

Paper Urges Committee Discontinued; As a 'Comforter of Fascism'

In view of the nationwide indignation rising against the activities of the Dies Committee, the Daily Worker reprints the following editorial, entitled 'Martin Dies Should Go,' from the March 31 issue of the Cincinnati Inquirer. The editorial follows in full.

## Vitebsk—City Of Death Under Nazi Regime

Thousands Starving—Hostages Are Hung in City Streets

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 3.—Every day brings fresh news of the atrocities committed by the fascists in Vitebsk. Vitebsk today is a town of black ruins caused by fires, a town of tears and bloodshed.

You can still find mothers exulting dead bodies of their children from under the ruins—children killed by German bombs and shells.

During the last two months death has been stalking the town—the lice-infested German soldiers brought typhus in their wake. Death daily takes its toll of hundreds of starving, emaciated people who have been deprived of the elementary medical assistance.

There is not a family in town which has not lost one or more persons near and dear to them since the German occupation.

Wherever the eye turns one can read the following announcement: "Persons hiding Red Army men or partisans or supplying them with provisions or giving them any other help will be sentenced to death by hanging. This order holds true also for women."

"If the premises of German troops are raided, blown up or damaged in any other way, those responsible will be hanged on the spot of the crime. If the culprits are not immediately discovered hostages will be taken from among the population who will be hanged."

### OTHER TOWNS REPORT

On the basis of these orders the Germans lay their hands on the first person that comes their way and drag him to the gallows. On the corner of Lenin and Volodarsky streets, several gallows have been erected. From one of these hang the bodies of two girls who bear the traces of torture.

From countless other towns and villages in the Nazi-occupied area come well authenticated reports of unspeakable atrocities.

The newspaper Red Star carries a dispatch from its correspondent and publishes a number of photographs showing German rule in Staraya Russa.

These photographs were found on the killed German N.C.O., Gerhard Walenka, and show a number of hanged civilians in Staraya Russa and behind them destroyed buildings and empty streets.

One of the pictures shows three corpses hanging on the balconies of one of the houses. These silent lifeless witnesses of German atrocities speak of the sufferings of the inhabitants of the occupied town.

# Do You Know That the Victory Tax Plan Is in Danger of Being Wrecked?

(Continued from Page 1)

and gas industries appeared and they all warned that if the Treasury proposal was adopted, production of their vital products would decline.

This attitude is just what Secretary Morgenthau was hitting at when he declared "this is a time when we must forget profits and concentrate upon a supreme productive effort which alone will win the war."

J. E. Moorhead, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, stated quite frankly that oil companies would reduce production if this special exemption were removed.

Despite this threat of sabotage to the war effort, influential members of the Ways and Means Committee told reporters later that day

that the Treasury proposal had no chance of going through. This may best be explained by the fact that a majority of the committee members come from oil and mineral producing states.

"We'll certainly not cut it out and if anything, we will increase it," Rep. Walt Disney, Oklahoma Democrat, stated.

The story of what has happened to the Treasury recommendation to tax all outstanding and future issues of state and local securities follows along the same line.

Treasury experts have long pointed out that tax-exempt securities are bought up by wealthy people and banks to keep their income out of the high surtax brackets and that an additional \$200,000,000 could be raised if this loophole was abolished.

When the Ways and Means

Committee considered the proposal of Friday, March 27, scores of representatives for state and local governments and their associations appeared in opposition to the plan.

STATES' RIGHTS CRY They argued that it would hamper local governments from selling their securities and that it was just a scheme of the Federal government to extend its control over all local governments.

Austin J. Tobin, secretary of the Conference on State Defense, raised the old states' rights cry when he declared that "states and cities believe that this is the chosen battleground upon which they must make their stand for preservation of local government."

Newspapers were told after the hearing by leading members of the Ways and Means Committee

that there was practically no chance that the Treasury proposal would be adopted. Chairman Robert Doughton stated openly that he was opposed to taxing outstanding issues but hadn't yet quite made up his mind about future securities.

And so it goes. Business representatives hurry down to Washington to plead for retention of their special privileges and receive a warm reception by the conservative members of the Ways and Means Committee.

It is only too apparent that some of the Treasury's most constructive proposals for a new tax bill that will help win the war are in great danger unless trade unions, consumer and progressive organizations make known their position to the committee within the next two weeks.

## 'Committee Outlived Its Usefulness,' States Congressman

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## Dickstein Scores Dies For 'Creating Disunity'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 3.—Representative Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrat, today denounced the Dies Committee as having "outlived its usefulness" and with "creating disunity at a time when unity should be our national cry."

Dickstein issued his blast against Dies in an interview here today in which he charged the committee with shielding the fascist Charles Coughlin, who he declared was "aiding the enemy." Dickstein assailed Dies' latest attack on 35 members of the Board of Economic Warfare as a "classic example" of an attempt "to smear and besmirch... men who are doing a vital job at a vital time."

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Dickstein's statement follows in full.

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"I have never been able to believe that being a liberal is a crime in a democracy. If Mr. Dies believes that—and apparently he does—he still could have proceeded in a more democratic manner."

"He could have called the suspects in his witch-hunt before an executive session of his committee, made his charges, and then could have given them the opportunity to defend themselves."

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## Mindel to Give Special Lectures On 'Das Kapital'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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Reed, who is city secretary of the Communist Party, has announced that the best parting gift anyone can give him "is a sub for the Sunday Worker."

He pointed out that 200 new subscribers are still needed to put the city over the top in its part of the drive to double the circulation of the Sunday Worker and said that he hoped "everyone will get the idea and say good bye to me with the securing of a new reader."

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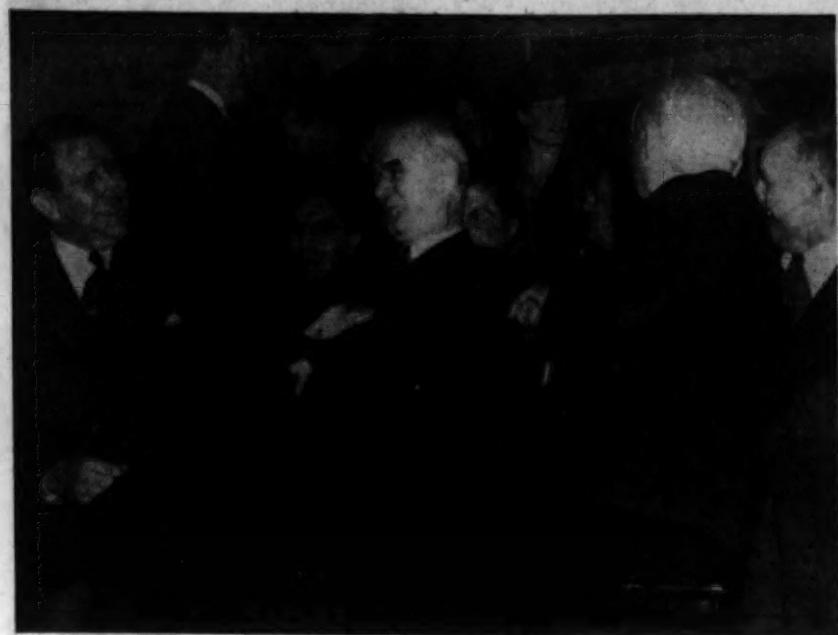
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# Joint Shipyard Committee Formed on Coast



**At Southern Workers Meeting:** Waiting for a mass meeting sponsored by the Textile Workers Union to get under way, CIO President Philip Murray chats with Gov. J. M. Broughton of North Carolina. Murray charges poll taxers and labor haters with disrupting national unity and interfering with the war effort.

## Chicago CIO Hears Primary Candidates

### Maps Vigorous Unity Program to Defeat Appeasers in Election

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, April 3.—Buckling down to a win-the-war political campaign in the primary elections, CIO unions in the first five Chicago congressional districts yesterday held a conference to determine a program and to hear candidates present their records for possible endorsement.

Labor is determined that only victory candidates will win in the primaries, and later in the November election. Evidence of this attitude was shown by the character of the questions addressed to the candidates.

A committee of 9 will immediately begin day-to-day work in the neighborhood to make certain of the nomination of the two candidates already endorsed by the Chicago CIO movement, Alderman Earl B. Dickerson for Congress, and Rep. Raymond S. McKeough for Senate. A headquarters for labor will be set up in the area with a labor leader in charge on a full-time basis.

The campaign to elect Dickerson and McKeough, and any other candidates who may be endorsed, will be extended to include the AFL. Already a leader in the Railroad Brotherhoods is a member of the Committee of 9.

No endorsements were made at the conference. Action was referred to the legislative committee and executive board of the CIO Council.

**LABOR'S STAKE IN POLL**  
Labor's position was set forth in speeches by Fullerton Fulton, regional director of the CIO and secretary of the Chicago Industrial Union Council, by Albert Glenn, chairman of the legislative committee of the Council, by Frank McCarthy, District Director of the Packinghouse Workers Organization Committee, and by Herbert March, Business Agent of the Packinghouse Workers Union.

The state American workers have in winning the war was vividly brought home to the audience by Fullerton Fulton. Only one course is open to American workers who do not want to be enslaved as workers have been in conquered Europe,—that is to fight, and to produce.

Mr. Fulton ended with a call to every union man to get out and work for the CIO endorsed candidates, and particularly for Alderman Dickerson.

The main fire was leveled at the appeasers, such as Sen. Wayland Brooks, Rep. Stephen A. Day, and the Chicago Tribune candidates.

Emphasizing that labor in the election works for all the people Glenn said labor demands the passage of the Pepper anti-poll tax bill, and legislation for democratic and equitable taxation, for relief of workers hit by the conversion program, and against any freezing of collective bargaining or wage structures. Labor is against the granting of an appropriation to the Dies Committee; it is against all anti-labor bills and such campaigns as the recent one in Congress.

### Shoe Workers Local Ratifies New Contract

Members of the Stitchesdown Workers, Local 129, United Shoe Workers, CIO, ratified a new agreement with the New York manufacturers, the union announced yesterday.

The new pact, which will continue until March 31, 1943, provides for a 10 per cent wage raise; a cost of living clause that is to take effect next November and a \$17 minimum.

## Negroes Get Training Jobs At Bethlehem

### Shipyard Hires 10 and Requisitioned for 120 More as Trainees

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BALTIMORE, April 3.—The Bethlehem - Fairfield Shipyard, holding \$75,000,000 in government contracts, has just admitted 10 Negro workers to its in-service training course and requisitioned the U. S. Employment Service for an additional 120.

This company, until now maintaining rigid bars against employing Negroes, asserts that it wishes to conform to the President's Executive Order 8802 outlawing discrimination in training and employment in the war industries. All the trainees will study electric arc welding and will, upon completion of their course, be employed by the company.

Requirements are that applicants be of good physical condition, have some experience in electric welding, preferably completion of the electric welding course at the Vocational Defense Training Center, No. 435, and hold a class 3 draft classification.

Various agencies here brought pressure to bear on the Bethlehem-Fairfield management to employ Negro workers. These included Negro organizations and a representative of the War Production Board in the Baltimore area.

The dropping of the bar against Negroes follows closely upon an announcement by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. here, that it now employs approximately 140 skilled and semi-skilled Negro workers on its production lines.

## Union Urges Alien Seamen To Register

### NMU Call Cites Need to Man Pan-American Cargo Ships

Acting in response to requests for foreign crews to man merchant vessels of foreign-flag registry, the National Maritime Union, through its Pan-American Division, has issued a call for alien seamen to register for employment at its hiring halls at 346 W. 17th St.

More than 500 Panamanian-flag vessels are now sailing with material essential to the allied nations out of U. S. ports.

"These ships are sailing short-handed and are often delayed on account of the operators' inability to secure crews. If all foreign seamen were registered at one place, the same as American seamen, they would be available for shipping at all times and no ship would be delayed."

"The National Maritime Union feels that uninterrupted operation of all allied vessels transporting vital war supplies is absolutely necessary," Thomas Christensen, NMU's Pan-American director, said when announcing the union's plan.

Following is the NMU's announcement:

"Alien seamen, eligible to sail on Pan-American ships, register NOW at the National Maritime Union hall, 346 W. 17th St."

"More than 500 ships flying the Panamanian flag are now sailing with material essential to the allied nations and our own forces in order to win this war. These ships are short of men. Various companies are daily calling the NMU to furnish crews to man those vessels."

"Ship out under union rules and protection."

The rank-and-file group then approached other elements in the union, including some of the incumbent officers who replaced a progressive executive board that was removed some 18 months ago. The result of these negotiations was a unity slate that swept the elections in two of the locals.

In Local 65, unity candidate Louis Pine was elected chairman by 632 votes to the administration candidate's 477; Joe Goldstein was elected vice chairman by 634 to his administration opponent's 427; and Morris Isaacman was elected secretary by 612 votes to the administration man's 388.

With the exception of one member who nosed in by two votes, the entire executive board of 13 elected is composed of unity candidates. All four delegates to the Pacific Coast Federation are unity candidates; Sam Willens, Harry Bergman, M. Isaacman and M. Ostrov.

ARCHIBALD MacLEISH

ARCHIBALD MacLEISH, head of the Office of Facts and Figures and Librarian of the Library of Congress, will speak at the luncheon given by the Women's Division of Russian War Relief on Tuesday, April 14 at Waldorf-Astoria. The luncheon will honor Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Ivy Litvinoff.

Virginia Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College, will act as chairman of the meeting, the purpose of which will be to launch a National Women's Division.

The wives of Ambassadors of almost all the United Nations will be present, including Countess van der Straten of Belgium, the Rt. Hon. Viscountess Halifax of Britain, Mme. V. S. Kurban of Czechoslovakia, Mme. Jan Ciechanowski of Poland, Lady Girja Shankar Bajpai of India and Mme. Kien Wen Yu, wife of the first secretary of the Chinese Embassy. Mrs. Charles Boyer, Dorothy Thompson, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Tuckerman Draper have been added to the list of patronesses.

Alexander Kipnes, Metropolitan Opera Company basso, and Zina Lisichkina, soprano with the London Covent Garden Theatre, will head the list of artists appearing at a Concert-Ball to be held at Hotel Commodore on Friday, April 17 under Russian War Relief auspices.

The concert which begins at 8:45 P. M. also includes the New York Philharmonic Trio.

## Labor, Firm Celebrate Unity Action

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, April 3.—As their liberty ship, the Benjamin Goodhue, slid down the ways at California Shipbuilding Corporation, workers celebrated formation of a labor-management production committee.

The committee is said to be the first formed here since last week's conference of unionists and industry representatives called by the War Production Board to get WFB Chief Donald Nelson's plan in operation.

Following the initial meeting of the Calship labor management committee yesterday afternoon, L. A. Parker, president, Los Angeles AFL Metal Trades Council, said:

"The important thing now is to build more ships and build them faster. We are ready and glad to cooperate."

John A. McCone, Calship's executive vice-president in charge of operations, said:

"The company is more than glad to follow Chairman Nelson's suggestion of management-labor conferences, fully realizing that, although these yards are turning out ships at high speed, there is need for further effort and for the cooperation of everyone concerned."

Slogans and posters are to be utilized to speed the ship building. It was agreed, and a production scoreboard is to be installed in the yard.

Plans also call for installation of a public address system reaching into every corner of the 100-acre yard.

## Bomber Crash In R. I. Kills 5 Army Fliers

WEST GREENWICH, R. I., April 3 (UP).—Five army fliers including two officers were killed when a medium bomber on a routine flight crashed, exploded and burned in woods on Hopkinton Hill.

A spokesman for the first Corps Area at Boston said the charred bodies removed from the wreckage had not been identified, but that a casualty list would be announced later.

He said that the bomber, reported overdue at Westover Field, Mass., carried two officers and three enlisted men when it crashed.

## Star Entertainers to Feature Cachione Ball

The all-star entertainment of the first annual ball of the Peter V. Cachione Association, given in honor of Communist Councillman Cachione at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, will feature the Five Crackerjacks, a Negro tap-dancing and tumbling act, recently featured at the Roxy for five weeks.

The ball takes place on April 25. Tickets may be obtained at Book-fair, 133 W. 44th St., International Workers' Order, 80 Fifth Ave., and at the Association's headquarters at 1766 86th St., Brooklyn.

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, April 3.—The old "red herring" doesn't scare Los Angeles members of the International Ladies Garments Workers Union in the cloakmaking industry, according to recent union election returns.

Despite a red-baiting campaign conducted by members of the old guard union administration, a unity slate broadly representative of all elements sincerely desirous of full prosecution of the war won by an overwhelming majority in elections to the cloakmakers' joint board, involving ILGWU Local 65, 97 and 84.

Soon after the elections were announced a rank-and-file group of unionists approached Louis Levy, ILGWU international vice president for the Pacific Coast, seeking a basis for unity in the selection of candidates. Levy, however, refused the unity proposal, preferring to conduct the elections along red-baiting lines.

The rank-and-file group then approached other elements in the union, including some of the incumbent officers who replaced a progressive executive board that was removed some 18 months ago. The result of these negotiations was a unity slate that swept the elections in two of the locals.

In Local 65, unity candidate Louis Pine was elected chairman by 632 votes to the administration candidate's 477; Joe Goldstein was elected vice chairman by 634 to his administration opponent's 427; and Morris Isaacman was elected secretary by 612 votes to the administration man's 388.

With the exception of one member who nosed in by two votes, the entire executive board of 13 elected is composed of unity candidates. All four delegates to the Pacific Coast Federation are unity candidates; Sam Willens, Harry Bergman, M. Isaacman and M. Ostrov.

## They're Saying In Washington

By Adam Lapin  
Red Tape and Deadwood Still Hamper FDR Demand for Speedy Aid to USSR

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau  
—Washington, April 3

PRODUCTION has been picking up steadily at the huge, new plant of one of the biggest Eastern aircraft companies. Bombers and fighter planes are being turned out at this plant in increasing quantities. This is all to the good. But it is only part of the story.

At this same plant more than 100 completely finished combat planes lay idle for a month. The planes were made in accordance with a regular Army contract, but Army officials stalled repeatedly in picking up these planes and putting them to use. So there they were until quite recently—lined up on the plant grounds, covered by a tarpaulin.

The name and location of the plant and the number and type of the planes are known to this correspondent, but officials at the Office of Censorship feel that information of this type might be helpful to the enemy. And in accordance with this policy further details are not given here.

This incident is significant for many reasons. Certainly it shows that the recent streamlining of the Army has by no means completely eliminated the accumulation of deadwood and red tape in high and low places in the War Department.

And it also sheds a revealing light on President Roosevelt's recent letters to the War and Navy Departments stating sharply that promised shipments of military supplies to the Soviet Union have fallen far behind schedule and must be speeded up. Why weren't these 100-odd planes sent at once to the Soviet Union where they are urgently needed to meet the Nazi spring offensive?

IT WILL be recalled that the President also sent a similar letter to the Maritime Commission in which he issued strict instructions that supplies to the Soviet Union shall be given first priority in shipping space.

The President's letters made it plain that the Army and Navy have not been allocating enough materials to the Soviet Union and that the Maritime Commission has not been providing adequate shipping facilities. But equally serious is the fact that there has been gross inefficiency—or worse—in the loading of supplies to the Soviet Union and to our other Allies.

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has submitted to Admiral Emory Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, documentary evidence showing that ships carrying Lend-Lease supplies have been sunk or forced to return to port because of improper loading of cargoes in Eastern and Gulf Coast ports.

The N.M.U. asked for a coordinator of shipping on the East Coast with powers, similar to those already given to Wayne Morse on the West Coast, to stop practices of this sort. According to Curran, the President approved this general set-up—but the plan was vetoed by Admiral Land. Severe pressure against the appointment of a shipping coordinator was put on Land by Joseph Ryan, ultra-reactionary head of the International Longshoremen's Association, and by East Coast shipping companies, and the Maritime Commission head apparently succumbed to this campaign.

Indications here are that the tug of war between the President and a number of officials in the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission on the issue of Lend-Lease aid to the Soviet Union is still continuing. Despite repeated orders by the President that shipments to the Red Army must be increased, these officials still seem to be stalling and blocking effective action. The situation is serious enough to demand the most stringent action by the President against those officials who refuse to carry out the Nation's declared policy of assisting its Allies.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FRANK KNOX recently warned military and naval officers of the Latin American republics gathered here at a meeting of the Inter-American Defense Board that the war would soon be extended from the North Atlantic to include the waters of the South Atlantic as well.

Look at any map, and it will be readily apparent that two of the most important points from which the Axis could launch an attack on South Atlantic shipping or on the coast of South America are the islands of Martinique in the Caribbean and Dakar in French West Africa, both under the control of the Hitler puppets in Vichy France.

But while Knox was calling for alertness in the South Atlantic, stories in a number of leading newspapers reported reassuringly that Marshal Petain had given his solemn word to the State Department that Vichy France would not engage in hostilities against the United Nations, would not turn over its navy to Hitler, would not permit American shipments to French Africa to be used by the Italian and German forces in Libya, etc.

Now there was, of course, nothing accidental about this sudden epidemic of newspaper stories. Correspondents here had not only been informed of these Vichy assurances by high officials of the State Department, but had been given the distinct impression that the State Department accepted these assurances. Some officials at the State Department have apparently not learned from Pearl Harbor that promises from the Axis and its puppets should not be taken at face value.

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### Attack Hitler Now—He Dreads It

Pressing home the idea of launching an attack on Hitler by a land invasion of Europe, Lieutenant-Col. Kernan told the Town Hall of the Air:

"We must realize that one soldier landed on the continent of Europe this spring, or at the very latest this summer, is worth ten a year from now or twenty two years from now."

There cannot be the slightest doubt of the truth of this utterance.

Hitler and his allies know it so well that they are spending great sums of money in this country to prevent the American people from realizing and acting on it.

The plain fact is that no matter what risks or what sacrifices would be entailed in launching a land attack on the Axis in Europe it would be repaid a hundredfold by the results.

But the United Nations, especially Britain and the United States, have the extraordinary opportunity of assaulting the Axis under favorable conditions. Major Fielding Eliot has estimated that Hitler's strategy of concentrating more than 200 of his divisions on the Soviet Front has left not more than 30-40 divisions to guard the western coasts of Europe.

Thus, the enormous British armies and the American armed forces, would find less than one million Nazis to meet them in a land attack.

Hitler would thus be compelled to divide his European forces into two parts.

This would wreck his central strategy of driving eastward to form a conjunction with the Japanese in the Near East and the Indian Ocean.

No war can be won without risks and sacrifices. The persons who comfort themselves with the thought that they can prevent losses by avoiding a land attack on Europe are the persons who are helping to lead Britain and the United States into an abyss of danger where the losses will make the losses incidental to a land attack seem like child's play.

The demand for a land attack on Hitler this Spring and Summer is rising throughout the democratic countries. That it now is debated over a national radio hookup on the Town Hall forum indicates that it is rapidly becoming uppermost in the thoughts of the American people.

### Timely Protests by Two Maritime Unions

CIO unions with heavy responsibilities for war shipping—the National Maritime Union and the American Communications Association—have performed a valuable service in vigorously protesting two serious aspects of the war effort.

The rejection by War Shipping Administrator Emory S. Land of President Roosevelt's suggestion for an East Coast shipping coordinator has rightly brought a sharp condemnation from the National Maritime Union. Curran points out that "improper loading of cargoes" in Eastern and Gulf ports has resulted in "the loss of many lives of brave seamen, while valuable war cargoes have been delivered to the bottom of the ocean."

Land's rejection of the White House proposal followed pressure, according to accounts in the press, from Eastern shippers and from Joseph Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association. The fact that the appointment of a shipping coordinator for the West Coast has already brought considerable improvement there proves that a similar move should be inaugurated on the East Coast without further delay.

The American Communications Association has also performed a patriotic service in assailing the ouster by the Navy Department of Murray Winocur, ACA vice-president, from his post as radio operator on a tanker. Mr. Winocur's dismissal follows that of many other union members. The case of Winocur is particularly ironic since he is the author of the ACA "Anti-Espionage Plan" which has already been partially put into effect by the government.

The ACA charges that during interviews with union members who were subsequently removed from vessels, Navy Department representatives indicated by their questions an anti-union, anti-democratic bias and a hostility to America's allies in the war. The

ACA is to be fully supported in its demand that the case of all the dismissed union members be reviewed under a procedure in which the accused would be presented with specific charges and given the opportunity to face and examine his accusers. In fact, the whole policy of certain Navy Department officials in ousting patriotic union members requires a thorough investigation.

### A Tragic Incident At Fort Dix

The outbreak at Fort Dix which resulted in the death of two Negro soldiers and one white MP is deplorable. It is fortunate that authorities have ordered an immediate investigation. Nothing should be stunted in seeing that the causes of such happenings shall be eliminated.

Col. C. M. Dowell, Post Commander, by implication rebukes the press for fanning hysteria through headline talk of "race riots." Such talk contributes nothing to removing the Jim-Crow attitudes in which such terrible events are bred.

We do not presume to know all the facts of the Fort Dix case. But it is undeniable that the injustices which lead to such unfortunate and tragic incidents have their root in the continuation of Jim-Crow discrimination against Negro soldiers in the armed forces.

The War Department should realize that the official retention of such undemocratic discriminations cannot but provide the opportunities for provocations and disorder to those who are only too eager to disrupt the unity of our democratic, anti-Hitler army.

A firm stand by the War Department to wipe out all Jim-Crowism from the armed forces is not only in keeping with the rights of the Negro people, but is imperative for national unity and the entire war effort.

### Axis Applause for Martin Dies

When the White House made public the applause which Martin Dies is receiving from the Axis radios, it was furnishing a yardstick of the rising protest against the service to Hitler performed by the Texas witch-hunter's committee. The Cincinnati Enquirer, a newspaper edited in a conservative tradition, has just labelled Dies "a comfort to the fascists" and "a poisoner of morale." That paper's editorial is another measure of the crescendo of the indignation against the Dies Committee.

What the White House has disclosed confirms what Vice-President Wallace has charged, that the effects of Dies' statements are such that "they might as well come from Goebbels himself." If this be true—and it is definitely true—then Martin Dies has no place in American public life. His committee has come to it that oblivion which the Cincinnati Enquirer outlines for both, committee and chairman.

The administration and the trade union movement will have to take this matter in hand. Dies and his committee can still be got rid of. Will the labor organizations, every one of them, bring such pressure to bear upon the House of Representatives as will make it vote down the appropriation for this Hitler-helping Committee? Will the administration forces in Congress quit yielding to Dies and his appeasement outfit, and overwhelmingly vote down any funds for his anti-American activities? If the labor unions and the administration rise to the occasion, and do these things, a patriotic job will have been accomplished for this country.

### No Sympathy For Pacifism

The American people have never been pacifists who shrank from following a Washington or a Lincoln in defense of their freedom. Pacifism would never have abolished monarchism or chattel slavery.

That is why the pacifism of the Hollywood actor, Lew Ayres, will meet with no sympathy from the American people today as they face the beasts of world Fascism. The mood of America is the mood of determination to defeat, crush, and exterminate the Axis bandits who seek to enslave us.

Mr. Ayres' pacifist submission to the threat of Hitlerism is alibied by him as coming from the teachings of the novel "All Quiet on the Western Front." But the author of that book, which was a protest against an unjust war, spurns the sponsorship of this pacifism by declaring, "I didn't expect it to have an effect like this. I think we all should fight against Hitlerism."

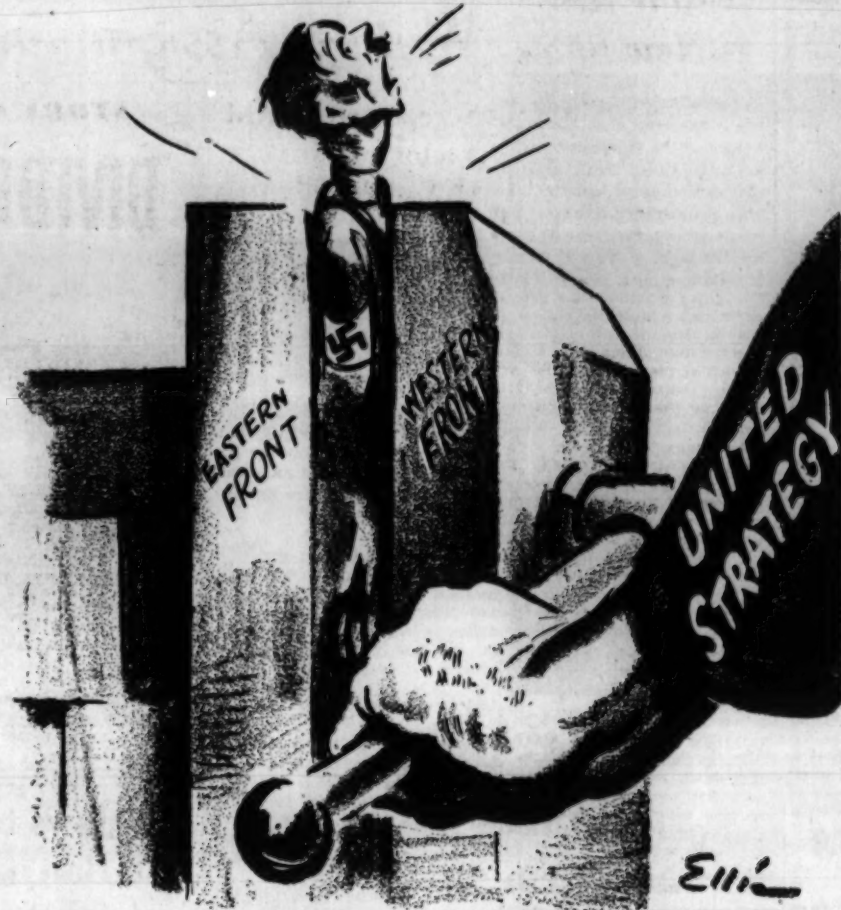
America's youth follows the spirit of Colin Kelly Jr., of Dorie Miller, and countless unnamed heroes and heroines who do not choose to submit tamely to hideous slavery. It is to such brave people that the press should devote its columns and not to the self-justifications of the badly mistaken actor.

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## Partisan Destruction of Nazis Proof Whole Soviet Union Fighting Invaders

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

LENINGRAD, April 3.—The brilliant success of Soviet guerrilla fighters in the Leningrad area proves the Soviet adage that in this war there is no division between the front and the rear. M. Nikitin, secretary of the Leningrad Regional Committee of the Communist Party, declares in an article in Pravda.

Nikitin's article was written in connection with the arrival in Leningrad of a delegation of collective farmers and partisans from two German-occupied districts of the Leningrad region.

"In the Soviet Union there is no division between the front and the rear in the struggle against Hitler. The whole country is a fighting front."

"In the nine months of the war partisans operating in the Leningrad region destroyed some 17,000 German officers and soldiers, 89 aircraft, 98 tanks, organized 114 train wrecks, blew up 125 supply depots and 388 railroad and highway bridges.

"The fascist liars do their utmost to prove that the partisan movement is only a movement of individual terrorists and that the partisans are divorced from the

people. But actually the strength of the Soviet partisans lies in the fact that they are the flesh and blood of the Soviet people.

"The partisan movement is becoming a mass movement and every day brings fresh reinforcements into partisan detachments. Local inhabitants come to join this struggle bringing their own guns, hand grenades and equipment.

**FULL BRIGADES**

"Partisan detachments of 500, 1,000 or even more are not rare. In actual fact these are the partisan battalions and regiments which sometimes are formed into partisan brigades.

"In January the Leningrad partisans destroyed 1,460 German soldiers and officers, 1,975 in February and 2,236 in March. In 25 days of March, one partisan brigade alone wiped out 522 German officers and soldiers and captured one aircraft, 11 machine guns, many sub-machine guns and supply and ammunition wagons.

**FORM NEW GROUPS**

"Another detachment wiped out 195 fascists in a single day on March 22, capturing three anti-aircraft guns, 3,000 shells and mines and 15 wagons loaded with provisions.

"Lately fighting sounds are being organized in some collective

farms and villages in the occupied German areas. They have been formed on the initiative of the local population to guard the villages against raids by the fascist marauders, to combat traitors and Hitler agents and to establish firm revolutionary order.

"The members of the great Party of Lenin and Stalin are the soul of this multifarious activity of the partisan detachments. The Communists remain at their posts behind the enemy lines and continue secretly to direct the struggle against the German invaders.

"Thousands of agitators, rallied by the Communists around the slogan of the Bolshevik Party, conduct talks among the population and distribute Soviet literature. Many millions of leaflets have been distributed through partisan detachments in the occupied areas. Of extreme importance is the organizing and mobilizing role of the Bolshevik press.

"In one occupied district alone more than 400 meetings were held in the collective farms to discuss Stalin's speeches.

"The partisans and collective farmers of the Leningrad region, together with the people of Leningrad and the Red Army, will do everything to hasten the final victory."

## The Nazi Soldier Is Beginning to Think; Terrible Losses in USSR Cracking Morale

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 3.—"Under the influence of defeat," says the Red Star, the German soldier "is already beginning to think. This is one symptom of the latest process of disintegration among the enemy troops."

The tremendous German losses and the use of older troops has brought significant changes in the make up of the Nazi armies, the editorial declares. Under the title "In the Enemy Camp" it reads as follows:

"As the war developed the German Army underwent far-reaching changes and the Nazi soldier of March, 1942, in no way resembles the Hitlerite who crossed the Soviet frontier in June, 1941, dizzy with easy victory.

"The first basic feature of these changes is that Hitler's best regular divisions have been lost forever under the blows of the Red Army. The so-called 'Spring' reserves are made up, in the main, of older age groups, of men who had seen Germany's defeat in 1918. These are not youths who from childhood were duped by Nazi propaganda.

**LOWER FIGHTING EFFICIENCY**

"The German Army's new contingents have a far lower fighting efficiency than the regular Hitler troops. Prussian discipline, implanted in the German Army is already beginning to crack. The relations between men and officers is not the same as before.

"The German soldier is not yet disobeying, but under the influence of defeat, he is already beginning to think and this is one

symptom of the latest process of disintegration among the enemy troops.

"The deterioration of morale is particularly evident among the German satellite troops, the Italians, Rumanians, Hungarians and others."

The newspaper cites Finland as an example. "The Finnish Army," it writes, "is living through the darkest days of its history. Over one-third of its man-power is destroyed. New contingents include 16-year-old boys and 60-year-old men. Up to 20 per cent of the entire population has already been called to the colors.

**LOOT AND FLUNDER**

"Hitler's marauding Army is made up of diverse national elements which are not united by any idea save that of loot and plunder. It is held together artificially. Even today the inner contradictions are making inroads in it and with every day of war these contradictions will become greater.

"Hitler's Army is not the same as it was before. It will still hurtle itself in counter-attacks, but the process of its disintegration will proceed at a greater speed than hitherto in the regular and now practically wiped-out units of the German Army."

This change is having and will continue to have no less significance for the defeat of Hitler's army than the loss of many battles in the present war, writes George Alexandrov, Chief of the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU, in an article entitled "Hitler's 'Morale Front' Faces Catastrophe."

The article reads in part: "A change in the minds of Hit-

ler's soldiers and part of the officers took shape at a time when the Nazi soldiery felt on its own skin the vast differences between the western and eastern campaigns.

**RESORT TO THREATS**

"Indeed, the Germans had abundant opportunity to learn how grim the truth of life can be. With these apparent and alarming symptoms of rapidly deteriorating morale and political condition of the population and army in connection with the reverses at the front, the difficulties at home and the complications on the international arena, the Hitlerites resorted to threats and terror in an effort to check this process of disintegration in the German army and avert the political and military catastrophe which is approaching for Hitler Germany."

"The Hitlerites have announced the formation of a so-called 'morale front.' This Hitler 'morale front' was conceived by its organizers as a means of overcoming the crisis among the people and army. This crisis could no longer be denied even by the Hitler High Command."

"When the German army found several million of its trained men and officers destroyed in battle and still more crippled for life and spread throughout Germany as a living testimony of the anti-popular nature of Hitler's criminal policy, radical changes began to take shape in the mind of the German soldier and Hitler's 'morale front' was faced with a catastrophe. Thus, the blows inflicted by Soviet arms are bringing down one pillar of Hitlerism's imperialist ideology after another."

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### READERS' DAY

#### SPRING

Oh, Spring is here and we should sing  
 Its pleasures, greater, littler!  
 But there is just one note today:  
 A second front for Hitler!

The Winter's dead, that stormy, harsh  
 And terrible belittler!  
 And we should sing! But only this:  
 A second front for Hitler!

The trees show buds, young lips burn red—  
 Oh, pleasures, greater, littler!  
 Oh, we shall love you all, but first—  
 A second front for Hitler!

A. S.

While our men in uniform  
 For love of truth are dyin',  
 Axis columns dare to swarm  
 Behind the Coughlin Lyin'.  
 A FRIEND, Philadelphia.

#### THE UNLIMITED-HOUR WEEK

These days when anti-unity forces rapt  
 Against the "forty-hour" week of work,  
 I raise pro-labor's voice to chant  
 Its determination not to shrink  
 And give its power, strength and skill  
 Against the Axis, whom they hate.  
 Start idle machines, and labor will  
 Work one hundred and sixty-eight!  
 SMACKINGO.

#### DON'T WAIT

Let's not wait to shoot  
 Until we see the white of their eyes;  
 Let's not wait for their attack;  
 Since there must be surprise,  
 Let US do the surprising,  
 Let us do the attacking—  
 That's the way to send the Axis  
 Back-tracking.  
 BILL SILVERMAN

## Letters From Our Readers

### GWTF—The Kind of History Hitler Likes

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Now is the time to smash into the thinly-veiled fascist film "Gone With the Wind," with all the force we can muster.  
 David Flint's splendid critical condemnation in the April 1 issue of the Daily Worker, wherein he exposes the ghastly function this revival now performs for Adolf Hitler, should be printed up in leaflet form and distributed to all progressive groups wherever this film is shown.  
 N. R.

### Behind the Anti-Labor Drive

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Extremely bold and downright dishonest is the drive against labor which a sinister coalition of ultra-reactionary Congressmen, newspaper publishers and a few radio commentators are making under the false pretense that the law which provides overtime pay after a 40-hour week is a law that prohibits working more than 40 hours a week.  
 What the anti-labor and union-busting bosses of industry, newspaperdom and their obliging friends in Congress are after is to get bigger profits out of the war expenditures to the detriment of the workers' income.  
 A. G. D.

### Gets Raise—Renews Sub

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Just recently the plant where I work signed a UE contract and as a result my weekly spending allowance is now larger. So I want to renew my subscription to the Daily Worker.  
 Good luck to a successful Sunday Worker circulation drive.  
 J. B.

### Labor Haters—Appeasers

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 Please expose those people and groups who are against organized labor for, if examined closely, you find they are also against President Roosevelt and the policy of prosecuting the war vigorously.  
 S. S.

### A Challenge

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 I have recently been elected to take charge of the circulation of Daily and Sunday Workers in my branch, and I would like to describe some of the work we have done to help double the circulation of the Sunday Worker.  
 We decided that we could mobilize our energies best by organizing a large group for Saturday night sale of the Sunday Worker once a month and make a night of it.  
 Our first experiment a few weeks ago was very successful. Eight of us gathered at about 9 o'clock determined to break all records and consequently went about it in an organized manner, having posted a Brigadier at each of the "best spots" in town.  
 When we convened at Times Square at about 3 A. M. we found that 465 papers had been sold! And this was done by only eight people.  
 Two weeks ago 21 Brigadiers appeared at 9 o'clock to sell the Sunday Worker. Despite the bitter cold and lashing wind, we were determined to do a job. We sold 767 Sunday Workers that night and plan to break our own record unless another branch decides to take up this challenge and beat us.  
 It won't be easy, though, because we're going to sell 1,000 copies this Saturday.  
 R. P.

### From a Reader in Ohio

Editor, Daily Worker:  
 The Daily Worker has not only been the source for the truth on all questions facing the people, but has given direction to our struggles.  
 May it continue to clarify and give leadership to millions of people. Yours for increased circulation and a whale of a success in the Sunday Worker drive.  
 H. E.



## CHANGE THE WORLD



William Weinstone Writes  
About the Lessons of  
Our Own Civil War  
By MIKE GOLD

DEAR MIKE: I read your Spring Thoughts in Sunday's column, and it was as bracing as the spring air. I think you're absolutely right that the people are beginning to march and are moving up to the front against the appeasers. But it is only the beginning. Much remains yet to be done by labor. At the time we conversed, the leaders of labor had not yet spoken out with full force and vigor. In the past few weeks, however, there has been a big push forward. I believe labor is manifesting the existence of a new power in the country.

People often lose perspective by failing to see this new force in our land. There are now eleven million organized men and women who make up the trade union soldiers of democracy. Some people still talk about this present war of democracy in the light of the last world war. They say with some despair, "But what happened? Labor made some gain after the last war, and then reaction came in 1921. It smashed up the unions; as a result, we got only disappointment and disillusion."

But this war is different. The people are hurling their full forces into it. Most important of all, the great masses of labor are uniting their split ranks. This is the guarantee that what is won can be held. This also explains the fear of the reactionaries, and explains why reaction is meeting with a counter-offensive from the side of labor.

For a long time, labor was not organized in the main industries. History, so to speak, stood still, as old Dietzgen said, "It was gathering strength for a great catastrophe." Now the catastrophe is here, and the immense force of labor is being harnessed to the task of the struggle against fascism.

Yes, the reserves for a great offensive abroad and at home against the appeasers are approaching.

Let me say some words in elaboration of your reference to the Civil War. Yes, it is true that in the early days of the war, Engels despaired of the success of the North. You remember Engels' criticism of the military tactics of the northern generals. He said that the taking of Richmond by the North was not really important from a military standpoint and represented what he called the use of the "anaconda" tactics, that is, to strangle the South, for which it did not have enough strength, that it meant a defensive kind of tactic. What Engels said was that the North ought to split the forces of the South, cut right through Georgia, and then crush and deliver the smashing blow. It sounds modern, doesn't it? Like criticism of the tactics of no second front. You remember that Engels was right from a military viewpoint, and when Sherman finally marched through Georgia and the offensive was unleashed the war was over. You can understand the old thought of Engels at the time. But here Marx's all-around view came forward, and I think we ought to do full justice to his position and to this rare instance of divergent views of the two great thinkers. Marx wrote Engels who later came around to his opinion:

"I do not altogether share your views on the American Civil War. I do not think that all is up. The Northerners have been dominated from the first by the representatives of the border slave states, who also pushed McClellan, that old partisan of Breckinridge, to the top. The Southerners, on the other hand, acted as one man from the beginning. . . . In my opinion all this will take another turn. In the end the North will take seriously, adopt revolutionary methods and throw over the domination of the border slave statesmen. A single Negro regiment would have a remarkable effect on Southern nerves."

"The difficulty of getting the 300,000 men seems to me purely political. The Northwest and New England wish to me and will force the government to give up the diplomatic method of conducting war which it has used hitherto."

These extremely interesting views are I think pertinent to the present day. You have no doubt noticed that Lieut. Col. Kernan in his significant war calling for offensive tactics does not mention the lessons from our own Civil War. The lessons are really great for the fight against the slave power of today. Let me take this moment, Mike, to congratulate you on your vigorous writing and your fine contributions to the great fight against fascism.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE,  
Director Workers' School.

Victory Art  
Auction At ACA  
Tomorrow

The New Masses' Third Annual Victory Art Auction is scheduled for Sunday afternoon and evening, April 5, at the ACA Galleries, 26 W. 8th St. Such American artists as Gardner Rea, Minna Cikovsky, Moses Soyer, Nicola Harkavy, Maurice Becker, William Gropper, Joe Jones, Raphael Soyer, Reginald Marsh, Ben Shahn, Soriano, Max Weber, Lucile Blanch, Isabel Bishop, Wanda Gas, Louis Lozowick, Ben Zion, Elizabeth Olds, Art Young, Harry Sternberg, Lydia Gibson, Lynd Ward, Mervin Jules, Philip Evergood, Kunyoshi, Ishigaki, Tomatsu, Refregier, Josiah Levy, etc., have contributed.

One of the reasons for holding this auction is to help meet NM's annual deficit which this year, because of the production cost in a war year, is 50 per cent greater than ever. Only recently this maga-

zine published an expose of fifth column activities in Washington which startled the country from one end to the other. As a result, New Masses is in the midst of a libel law suit of \$100,000 brought against it by Cromwell, ex-minister to Canada.

The contributed works will be on exhibition for an hour or so before the auction begins which will be sometime around three in the afternoon.

Chez Liberty Entertains  
"Of V We Snig"

Chez Liberty, still the only anti-fascist cabaret in town, adds another feather to its cap this Saturday night. In addition to its regular show which features Muni Diamond as MC, Gene Seaman at the piano, topical chalk talks by Del and songs by Sam Gary, talented young Negro singer, they will entertain many of the stars of "Of V We Snig."

## MARGO ON THE AIR



Margo, star of stage and screen, is out to conquer radio now. She sings with the Cugat Rhumba Revue over the Blue Network.

Service Men  
Exhibit Art  
At New Show

Cooperating with the Army and Navy, the twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Independent Artists will be an all-out show for Victory and Independence and the first large group exhibition in New York in the present world war to throw open its doors to the work of men in the armed forces. Not only is the five dollar admission fee omitted for soldiers and sailors, but service men on leave in New York will be admitted free of charge to the exhibition at the American Fine Arts Society Galleries, 215 West 37th Street for the duration—April 8 to April 28.

Both Major General Irving J. Phillips, Commanding General, Second Corps Area, and Lieutenant Commander Charles B. Cranford, in charge of the Recreational Division of the Third Naval District, are enthusiastic over the idea that the boys in their districts have been invited to show with the Independents this year. Lieutenant Commander Cranford has issued the following statement:

Art Helps  
Men's Morale

"We do believe that this is a real service to men in the Navy who have participated in the graphic and plastic arts as civilians. Naval personnel are continuing this rewarding activity now aboard ship and at shore stations. We know that art has become a part of their lives and that it contributes to their morale in these times. Their military duties will be better executed if during off-duty hours they have facilities for painting and sketching pictures, woodcarving and modeling. It is important for men to have leisure activity sufficiently challenging to take their attention off their rigorous duties and responsibilities in order that they may return with sharpened will and renewed enthusiasm. Such opportunities as are offered by this exhibit will encourage further participation in these activities and at the same time will lead public civilian recognition to the artistry of these men. Further, when this war is over, it will have kept them from losing contact with their public."

A special section of the galleries has been allocated for the works of the service men—approximately 80 pictures—and the catalogue will list with such warlike locales as Fort Jackson, Camp Edwards, Fort Monmouth, Camp Pine, Maxwell Field, Fort Custer, Edgewood Arsenal, U. S. S. Sylph, Camp Polk, Chamute Field and many others. There is even a British ally in the group, a radio officer on a British merchant ship who is showing two water colors. The pictures have been sent in directly from army camps, naval stations and battle-ships, but the majority have been sent by the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the service men, as most of them are now on active duty. Others came in through the kind cooperation of New York galleries.

Soldiers Save  
School Program

About twenty cartoons are included in the groupings. These were works entered recently in the Defense Recreation Committee's contest at 90 Park Avenue, and exhibited there last month. Another lot, consisting of eighteen paintings of soldiers' work done in camps were lately exhibited in Philadelphia under the auspices of the National Conference of Secondary Education, and subsequently hung at the Addison Gallery at Andover, Mass. It is believed that these soldiers' pictures saved the day for the art in the public schools as the Board was considering throwing art out of the curriculum for the duration in favor of more useful subjects.

Doris Rosenthal, one of the directors of the Independents, who has just sold a picture to the Museum of Modern Art; Maurice Becker, John Sloan, veteran president of the Independents; Russell, the gallery man, and Jose de Creeft, Doris Casner and Cornelia Van A. Chapin the sculptors, are among the more prominent exhibitors. Others include: John Taylor Arms, A. S. Baylison, Reynolds Beal, Aaron Berkman, Theresa Bernstein, Ann Brockman, Fred Buchholz, George Constant, Nathaniel Dirk, Philip Evergood, Bertram Hartman, Lebduka, Oronzio Malarelli, William Meyerowitz, Walter Pach, Segy and Vincent Spagna.

Embassy News Shows  
City College Studying  
Science of War

"New York City's Colleges Study the Science of War," is the title of the forty-sixth issue of the exclusive "Ringside Seat" series being shown in the new program of latest world-wide news events, now at the Embassy Newsreel Theaters.

Latest release of the series shows the active part the students of the four colleges that make up the huge College of the City of New York are taking in the Civilian Defense program. The film further reveals that the students are being trained in every phase of war work, both in the classroom and the laboratory, and are ready to do their share in defense of home and country.

## Hollywood Gets 'Its Greatest Writing Assignment in History'

Screenwriters Aid  
Victory Drive  
Of Government

By Jack Young  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, April 3.—There's a new publication in Hollywood today called "Communique," a simple, mimeographed sheet whose effects are going to be felt in every corner of the nation before the war is over.

"Communique" is published weekly by the Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Management.

Milton Merin edits the sheet. Staff members are Michael Kassin, Paul Jarrico, John Klorer, Ian McLellan Hunter, Jay Dratler, Ring Lardner, Jr., and Richard Collins.

Their Job  
In Wartime

A staff like that is enough to make any publication worthy of notice, but the true importance of "Communique" is the job it is working on.

That job, its latest edition states, is "the greatest writing assignment in history."

"Here we are, the writers of Hollywood," says the lead article. "We have written stories about Napoleon Bonaparte and his Grand Army. We have spent weeks and months poring through obscure histories in order to tell a graphic story of Genghis Khan building his throne on the 348 golden crowns and skulls of the kings he conquered."

"We have become so enthused over these things of the past that we would literally give a right eye to have been there and seen it."

"But here we are in a war of our own day and time. We are not only witnessing it, we are literally and figuratively up to our necks in it. On its outcome depends everything."

"We have a duty in this war. It is a simple, straightforward assignment. We must do all we can to make the American people realize the enormity, the magnitude of this conflict. We have got to grab Old Man Apathy by the scruff of the neck and hurl him out the door."

For Camp Shows,  
War Relief

"That's our job. "And our job represents the greatest writing assignment in history."

Already at work on that assignment are Stanley Rubin and Lou Lantz, A. Dorian Oltos, Arthur Ross and Lionel Houser, who have written camp shows for the USO. Aiding the recent "Fill the Ship" campaign of Russian War Relief were Lantz, Eddie David, Henry Myers, Roger Quessy Denny, Ben Hecht and Marc Connelly. Arthur Strawn wrote a radio program on women in defense.

Carlton Morse will produce a special series of radio scripts for transcriptions which have been written by himself, Rod Mays, Paul Franklin and Joe Catanchi.

Cartoonists Win  
Poster Prizes

Screen Cartoonists Guild members also are active. A "salvage" poster contest of the OEM was won by Cy Young. Thomas McKimmon placed second. Andy Anderson and E.G. Starr also contributed posters which will be used.

McKimmon won the OEM's contest for "production" posters, with Ches Cobb as runner-up, and other posters coming from John Walker, Ozzie Evans, Fred Brunish, Bruce McIntyre, Frank Tipper and Charles E. Whitton.

Effectiveness of the work was verified by Bernard C. Schoenfeld, radio chief of the War Production Board, who said that the salvage collection along the entire coast really started producing scrap iron, rubber, paper, etc., after radio broadcasts of material prepared by the Hollywood Writers Mobilization.

Help Bolster  
Production Drive

Integral to "the greatest writing assignment in history," said the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, is material that will bolster the production drive launched by Donald M. Nelson, War Production Board chief.

"Nelson said we can't ask our boys to fight this year's war with next year's weapons," said "Communique." "And that means that the men and women on the production line have got to win the war in the shop if our soldiers are going to win it in the field."

"They'll receive awards of merit for distinguished service on the production line. Yes, new heroes are coming out of this drive: heroes of production. How about them in

## STORY OF NAZI TERROR

## DIVIDE AND CONQUER



"Divide and Conquer" is a new pamphlet issued by the U. S. Office of Facts and Figures, graphically describing the strategy of Nazi terror. D. R. Fitzpatrick of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch illustrated the pamphlet as a contribution to the war effort.

your story instead of that worn-out reporter?

"You want to know more about your heroes? Well, some of them will be women, former housewives and secretaries and some of them were clerks, filling station attendants and farm workers. They're being trained now."

"You want conflict? Our free workers against Axis slave labor. That's the way Nelson put it. Isn't that concrete enough for you? Then how about this? Our free workers against Axis! One plane every eight minutes—less than eight months to go—Nelson said—304 days."

"What about those 304 days? Do they apply to us? Are we going to write about them, take up the battle of production in them, or forget about them?"

"What do they mean to us? Not more pictures, radio sketches, articles—but more of these dealing with production lines and battle lines and with the new heroes springing up around us."

"Can any mental luxury of escapism, or 'writing-as-usual' privilege which we sacrifice now, compare with what we gain in victory?"

after the peace. It's always there, waiting."

The lenders include such persons of diverse cultural interests as John Anderson, the critic; Larry Adler, the harmonica player; Philip Barry, the dramatist; Major Bowes, J. Edward Bromberg, Remo Bufano, marionettist; Courtney Burr, producer; Morris Carnovsky, Ilka Chase, Harold Clurman, Frank Crownshield, magazine publisher; George Cukor, movie director; Bette Davis, Howard Dietz, publicist and lyricist; Paul Douglas, radio announcer; Agnes Enters, mime and artist; Maurice Evans, Norman Bel Geddes, scenic designer; John Holden, William C. Handy, Theresa Helburn, Andre Kostelanetz and Lily Pons, Gypsy Rose Lee, Henry Lucie, Groucho Marx, Clifford Odets, Eugene O'Rand, orchestra director; William S. Paley, radio executive; Dorothy Parker, Edward G. Robinson, Billy Rose, Joseph Szegedi, the violinist; Arturo Toscanini, and many, many others.

You will find hanging on the walls specimens of the craftsmanship of Whistler, Bellows, Dali, Jo Davidson, Gauguin, Gussiatinsky, Kuniyoshi, Manet, Picasso, Raphael Soyer, and many other famous artists. Variety is the key-note of the exhibit—that and a free spirit of unity in purpose which makes this the friendliest of shows, one at which you will spend far more than the usual time.

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"The owners of the pictures and sculpture have sent them to help the men who are over there for us; those who come to see them do so to help them some more. It is pleasant to think how far quite a little money will go towards alleviating suffering."

"And then there are always the pictures to look at. Whatever war does to artists, it can do nothing to art. What was good before a war, is doubly good during it and

Soviet Theatres Tour  
All the Battle Fronts

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 3.—V. Kachalov, one of the founders of the Moscow Art Theatre in Moscow, and People's Artist of the USSR, described the attention devoted to art by the Soviet government in war time and his tour of the different cities of the Caucasus.

"During the last five months of war, the artists of the Bolshoi Theatre gave 544 concerts in different military units and staged three plays. The artists of the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko musical theatre gave more than 2,000 performances and 40 at the front lines. During the same period certain theatres under the Moscow Soviet, Moscow concert organizations and amateur art groups of the capital held 2,038 concerts, staged 102 plays, and 82 amateur art evenings for the Red Army."

"The Soviet Government deemed it necessary to preserve a considerable part of the actors for work in the theatre, many of which were transferred to the deep rear, so that they could continue their creative work there," he said.

"Thus, for instance, the Moscow Art Theatre is successfully appearing in Saratov, the Bolshoi Theatre in Khabarovsk and the Maly Theatre in Chelyabinsk."

"Particular attention was paid the veteran art workers. A group of actors of the Moscow and Maly theatres, including Knipper-Cherkhova, Tarkhanov, Ryzhov and others, visited different cities of the Caucasus and Transcaucasia."

"We were deeply moved by the warm reception accorded us everywhere, by the touching efforts to give us every possible comfort."

"We once again had occasion to see how great is the people's love for their art. The Soviet actors are straining all their efforts to hasten the day of victory over fascism, the day of the victory of culture and art over obscurantism."

"And we know that this day is not far distant."

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